

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-9 with the following:**

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This application ~~is based on~~ enclaims priority from Japanese Patent Applications Nos. 11-311487 filed November 1, 1999 and 2000-292664 filed September 26, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Please replace the section heading on page 10, line 11 with the following section heading:**

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT INVENTION